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Mr. James M. Frey  
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Dear Mr. Frey:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency on the draft report from the Department of Treasury and Council of Economic Advisers on H.R. 3319, the "Freedom of Information Public Improvement Act of 1985." Your staff has informed us that the Office of Management and Budget does not intend to approve transmission to Congress of either of these two reports because a new bill is being drafted that would supersede H.R. 3319.

We have recently learned that representatives of the Department of Justice and the staff of the House Committee on Government Operations have been negotiating on this new bill. Since we were not afforded the opportunity to participate in these negotiations, we are concerned that the very serious objections we have with H.R. 3319 may not have satisfactorily been resolved in the negotiations that took place between the Department of Justice and the staff of the Committee on Government Operations.

Many of the objections we have to H.R. 3319 are stated in the Department of Treasury report. Nevertheless, there are several serious concerns with the legislation that were not addressed in the Treasury report. It is, therefore, important that we have a chance to comment on the new bill prior to the Administration's approval of the bill.

I appreciate your cooperation on this matter and look forward to receiving a copy of the new FOIA bill.

Sincerely,

/s/ David D. Gries

David D. Gries  
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